

107TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 301

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

Received and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, the service flag, and the service lapel button.

Whereas section 901 of title 36, United States Code, authorizes members of the immediate family of individuals serving in the Armed Forces to display a service flag approved by the Secretary of Defense in a window of their place of residence during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces are engaged;

Whereas such section also authorizes members of the immediate family of individuals serving in the Armed Forces to wear a service lapel button approved by the Secretary of Defense during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces are engaged;

Whereas the traditions of displaying the service flag and wearing the service lapel button have not been widely practiced since the end of World War II; and

Whereas reinvigorating the traditions of displaying the service flag and wearing the service lapel button would foster patriotism and express support for the members of the Armed Forces during the war on terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the members of American Gold Star Mothers,
4 Incorporated, and Blue Star Mothers of America,
5 Incorporated, should be recognized for their sacrifices
6 and for their dedicated and patriotic support
7 of the United States;

8 (2) during the period in which the Armed
9 Forces are engaged in the war on terrorism, members
10 of the immediate family of individuals serving
11 in the Armed Forces should be encouraged to display
12 a service flag approved by the Secretary of Defense
13 under section 901 of title 36, United States
14 Code, in the window of their place of residence and

1 wear a service lapel button approved under such sec-
2 tion; and

3 (3) the President should issue a proclamation
4 calling on members of the immediate family of indi-
5 viduals serving in the Armed Forces to display a
6 service flag approved by the Secretary of Defense
7 under section 901 of title 36, United States Code,
8 in the window of their place of residence and wear
9 a service lapel button approved under such section
10 during the period in which the Armed Forces are en-
11 gaged in the war on terrorism.

12 SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives
13 shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the American
14 Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, and the Blue Star Moth-
15 ers of America, Incorporated.

Passed the House of Representatives September 24,
2002.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.